

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-33 are pending in this application. Claims 7-11 and 14-28 are withdrawn from consideration. The remaining claims were rejected. Claims 1 and 12 are currently amended. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for taking time to discuss the Lan reference. It is Applicant's understanding that agreement was reached that the shielding taught by Lan is limited to two dimensions because it is on a single layer, whereas the Specification of this application at page 18 and Figure 9 describes three dimensional shielding. Claims 1 and 12 have been amended to emphasize this distinguishing limitation. In particular, those claims now recite "shielding disposed around the at least one signal trace, including a first shielding wall on a layer below the trace, a second shielding wall on a layer above the trace, and third and fourth shielding walls on either side of the trace, the first, second, third and fourth shielding walls being connected such that uninterrupted shielding is provided for 360° around the trace." To illustrate the support for the claim amendments in Figure 9, the first shielding wall could be grounded copper plating (86), the second shielding wall could be grounded copper plating (84). Further, the third and fourth shielding walls could be grounded copper plating (88) and (90). Since the cited references, both alone and in combination, fail to suggest shielding on layers above and below the trace connected with sidewall shielding, withdrawal of the rejection is requested. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 13 and 29-33 are dependent claims which further distinguish the invention, and which are allowable for the same reasons as claims 1 and 12.

For the reasons stated above, this application including all claims currently under examination is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at 978-264-4001 (x305) so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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